

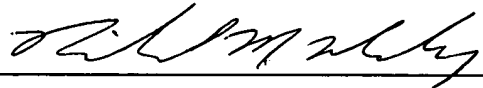
**REMARKS:**

Applicant herewith amends the claims to remove multiple dependent claims and to conform the claims with customary US practice. This preliminary amendment cancels no claims, amends claims 1 to 16, and adds new claims 17 to 20. Accordingly, claims 1 to 20 are now pending in this application.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-2326.

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